

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 20 are pending. Claims 21 - 37 are canceled.

Election/Restriction Requirement

The Patent Office requires Restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-20, drawn to substrate drying, classified in class 34, subclass 77.
- II. Claims 21-37, drawn to a ceramic fiber composite, classified in class 501, subclass, 95.1,

The Patent Office acknowledges Applicant's election with traverse of Group I claims 1-20 in the reply filed on March 2, 2006, but maintains the restriction requirement and makes it FINAL.

To advance prosecution of the application, Applicants have canceled claims 21-37 as being drawn to a non-elected invention. Applicants submit that cancellation of claims 21-37 places the present application in condition for allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note that the Patent Office indicates in the present Office Action that pending claims 1-20 are allowed.

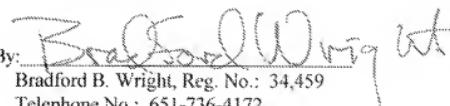
In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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